

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



September 2009

Antenna Modeling



.....Antenna modeling has come a long way since first being developed right here in San Diego. The latest version of W7EL's EZNEC is very powerful and much easier to use than earlier DOS programs. Come see a demo at this month's meeting.....



**Join us at
The SIZZLER
Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
September 23, 2009
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Program: John K6AM will talk about antenna modeling.**



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From the Prez.....

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



The dog days of summer have certainly been the case of late. The high temperatures have made it almost too hot to even chase DX. The bands themselves have had fairly poor propagation until around Labor Day when conditions finally picked up.

Those of you who missed the BASH missed a great party. Jim W6YI and Susan, really outdid themselves. Everyone got plenty to eat and had plenty of shade under which there were plenty of great conversations. A pretty large contingent came down from up north. Thanks Jim for an outstanding event.

I hope by now you have all had a chance to check out the club's new website- sddxc.org. Arnie W7BIA has done an outstanding job and we owe him a big thanks. It is something the club can be proud of. Let him know what you think.

Please take a look at the website link that contains the final draft of the proposed changes to the club Constitution and By Laws. We need to vote on them at the next meeting.

One of the things adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors a few weeks ago, was a decision to Pro Rate dues for new members joining after July 1 to 1/2 the annual.

Membership has its privileges. One of the privileges for members only is the use of the reflector as of Sept. 1. Use of this reflector will become very important to the passing of DX tips and related information. Surprisingly, we find that at least 25 of our members are not signed up and consequently can't participate. Don't get left behind, if you aren't a member of our yahoo groups you need to request to join by going to the following site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sddxcnews/> . If you have any trouble, please contact Arnie at: W7BIA@cox.net.

We have been asked by the steering committee for the DX Convention that our club be in charge of manning the Registration desk. This will be our only assignment. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting for you to indicate which time slot you can fill. Your help is imperative.

As you all know by now, Tuck will be stepping down as our bulletin Editor as of Nov. 1 after many years of an outstanding job. Retirement will take him back to Ill., and his travels and play will not leave him enough time to handle being Editor too. Thanks Tuck, you will be missed. We now need to direct our efforts at finding a new editor. If you can help, please contact me.

Don't forget the new meeting time effective Sept! The meeting will start at 6:30 PM instead of 7. See you then.

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

Secretary's Minutes

Leon Helms N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of August 1, 2009
4222.74

Income:

Contributions to legal fund	15.00
Cash for K6GO badge	10.00
Replacement SANDARC check	133.74
Cash contributions at bash	42.00

Expenses:

Badge and cups	46.00
SANDARC check bounce	123.74
Returned. item fee	6.00
Newsletter meeting	44.21
Bank balance July 31	4203.53
Petty Cash on hand	20.00
Balance checking & Petty Cash	4223.53

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club did not have a monthly meeting in August. The summer DX BASH was held instead. 87 members of SDDXC, SCDXC and guests signed in.

Last month I sent NCDXF a check for \$1000, comprised of the \$956 from the packet group, and \$42 added by N6VS. In response I received the following letter:

Dear Leon,

I wanted to take a minute and thank the San Diego DX Club for the substantial donation of \$1000 to NCDXF. Needless to say the economy has played a negative roll in our contributions the last year or so and these funds are greatly appreciated.

The San Diego DX Club has always been a great supporter of NCDXF and we are keenly aware of our obligations to the club and the rest of the DX community.

Please express to your membership our appreciation for this vote of confidence and if there is anything we can do specifically at this end please ask.

*Best Regards,
Bruce Butler
President, NCDXF*

Amateur Radio Appreciation Day.

To all San Diego Amateur Radio Clubs,

As many of you know, there have been some changes that have been implemented at the San Diego Ham Radio Outlet. While the passing of Tom McDuffie, KM6K, has left a huge void at HRO, we believe Tom would have wanted us to press onward, continuing to provide a viable service to the amateur radio community.

So we have worked hard over the past few weeks to try and make improvements in our store. Improvements that will allow us to better serve the amateur radio community and create an inviting environment for everyone. It is our belief that this is YOUR Ham Radio Outlet.

With those changes having been made, we invite your organization to join us on Saturday, October 10, 2009 for our first annual Amateur Radio Appreciation Day.

This gives us an opportunity to show off some of the changes we have made, and your participation will allow you to highlight your organization and what you are all about. Kind of like the old "Ham Radio Round-up" days, we hope to set the participation groups up in the parking lot. There, you can demonstrate anything amateur radio related, pass along club information, and perhaps recruit new members.

We will be having hourly drawings inside for gifts, culminating with a grand prize drawing at 5pm for a Yaesu FT-2900 2 meter mobile radio. This has the potential to be a fun event, open to the public. Please consider anticipating and RSVP by Saturday, Sept 26th so we can make the necessary arrangements.

We hope you will accept this invitation and join us in promoting this great hobby of ours by promoting your group or organization.

Best 73's from your HRO-San Diego Staff."

Changes Are Happening!!

As most of you know, Tuck NF9T is retiring in Nov and will be moving back to Danville, Il., hometown of Dick and Jerry Van Dyke, and Gene Hackman. Tuck has realized that by retiring, he will be giving up a lot of "free" time by traveling, visiting friends and relatives, and setting up his radio station to try and compete with some of the "Big Guns". Will he ever be a "Big Gun"? Highly doubtful, but he will be found on the air more during contests and chasing that ever elusive DX.

To make more time for these other events, Tuck has given up the web site and part-owner ship in the DX reflector. Look to Arnie W7BIA for work on those projects. It is with great reluctance, that he also gives up the editor position, of which he has received great pleasure since 2001.

If you are interested in taking over as editor, please contact Wayne Zimmerman. Tuck has been using Publisher and will send you the format he has been using.

Tuck would love to hear from club members and might even try to make Visalia from time to time. Drop him an e-mail at nf9t@arrl.org



HR 2160 Gains Three More Cosponsors

(Sep 11, 2009) -- On September 10, three more Congressmen -- Geoff Davis (R-KY-4), Bill Posey (R-FL-15) and Michael Turner (R-OH-3) -- pledged their support for [HR 2160](#), *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009*, bringing the total number of cosponsors to 24, [including original sponsor Sheila Jackson-Lee](#) (D-TX-18). HR 2160 is also sponsored by W. Todd

Akin (R-MO-2), Michael Arcuri (D-NY-24), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6), John Boozman (R-AR-3), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam), Bob Filner (D-CA-51), Bart Gordon (D-TN-6), Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22), Michael Honda (D-CA-15), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH-15), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-9), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Dennis Moore (D-KS-3), Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2), Peter Welch (D-VT), David Wu (D-OR-1) and Don Young (R-AK). Click [here](#) for information on how to encourage your Congressional representative to sponsor HR 2160.

(taken from the ARRL web site)

FCC Chairman Announces Enforcement Bureau Chief



Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced on September 9 that he has appointed P. Michele Ellison as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Ellison will take the helm of the Enforcement Bureau starting on September 28, 2009. "Protecting and empowering consumers through effective and timely enforcement of the Commission's rules and policies is a top priority for the FCC," said Chairman Genachowski. "Michele is a talented leader with vast communications experience and sound legal judgment, and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity."

Ellison is currently Deputy General Counsel, a position she has held for the last 12 years, and most recently served as Acting General Counsel of the FCC through July 2009. In addition to her other duties, she also was named Transition Counsel to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Ellison joined the Office of the General Counsel in 1995. "She has had a rich and varied practice at the agency, from her initial years of handling complex FCC litigation before the federal courts to her current focus on competition policy in the context of mergers and acquisitions and on spectrum and fraud matters involving billions in auctions and universal service funds," according to an [FCC press release](#).

Ellison also has provided leadership in other policy areas, including co-chairing the Commission's Localism Task Force, leading a Task Force on expanding communications opportunities to small businesses and developing countries, as well as serving as senior advisor to former Chairman William Kennard; Kennard served as Chairman from October 1997 to January 2001. Before joining the Commission, Ellison was a partner with the law firm of Williams and Connolly, with a litigation practice. She began her career as a law clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith in the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Detroit, Michigan and for the Honorable Paul R. Webber III in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

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